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Group Art Unit: 2731
Title: SWITCHING COMPLEX ARCHITECTURE AND
OPERATION

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Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. A copy of these references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), no representation is made that these references qualify as prior art or that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

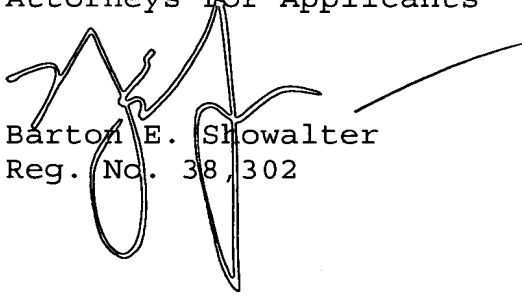
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Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of Applicants' above-referenced patent application are patentably distinguishable from these references.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), Applicants believe that this Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a final action or notice of allowance. Therefore, Applicants believe that no fee is due. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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